

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005**

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Special City Council meeting of April 12, 2005, was called to order by Mayor Beckman at 7:55 a.m.

Present: Council Members – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and Mayor Beckman

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Blackston

B. REGULAR CALENDAR

B-1 “Discussion and appropriate action regarding the ‘Annual Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Volunteers Recognition Event’”

City Clerk Blackston reported that, for decades, each year in August a recognition event has been held to thank members of the community for their service on boards, commissions, task force groups, etc. and to provide awards to outgoing members of these groups. Originally, the event was held to thank members of City Council appointed groups only. In the late 1980s, a separate event was held to recognize other groups such as the Police Partners and Library volunteers. Later on, these events were combined into one for ease in planning. The number of volunteer groups has increased over the years and now totals upwards of 500 individuals. Recently, the cost for the annual recognition event has ranged from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The staff report (filed) indicates which groups have separate annual recognition events sponsored by individual departments. This item appears before Council at the request of Mayor Beckman who had expressed an interest in providing Council an opportunity to consider reverting back to the original concept of the event being held to thank members of Council appointed groups, which total approximately 100 individuals.

Mayor Beckman reiterated that the original intent of the event was to thank Council appointees. Due to many of the other organizations having separate recognition events and the current budget constraints of the City, he felt that Council input on this matter was warranted.

Council Member Hansen was strongly opposed to “developing a different class of volunteers,” i.e. those that Council appoints, and those that work to help the City such as the Police Partners. Overall, they are a very dedicated group of people who save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars in time donated and increase the level of service offered to citizens of Lodi. It is a foundation for the Lodi community to have a volunteer program. He emphasized the importance of thanking them once each year for the time and effort they devote to making Lodi what it is.

Council Members Mounce, Johnson, and Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock all recalled having attended both types of events, i.e. when it was only for Council appointed boards and commission members and much larger events with a wider range of volunteer groups. They each expressed support for returning to the original concept of holding an annual recognition event for Council appointed members. Reasons cited included the ability to more personally interact and communicate at events when there is a limited number of attendees, as well as the current budget difficulties, which would be exacerbated by the cost of hosting a very large event.

MOTION / VOTE:

The City Council, on motion of Mayor Beckman, Mounce second, voted to designate the annual recognition event to Council appointed members of City boards, commissions, committees, and task force groups. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members – Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and Mayor Beckman

Noes: Council Members – Hansen

Absent: Council Members – None

*Continued April 12, 2005*

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk